

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

MCI  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
CORP.

File No. I-T-C-94-060

Application for authority to acquire  
and operate facilities for service  
between the U.S. and Papua New  
Guinea.

**ORDER AND AUTHORIZATION**

**Adopted: February 17, 1994;**

**Released: March 3, 1994**

By the Chief, International Facilities Division:

1. Upon consideration of the above-captioned uncontested application, filed pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the provision of direct service between the U.S. and Papua New Guinea by MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI).

2. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that application File No. I-T-C-94-060 IS GRANTED and MCI is authorized to:

- a. lease from Comsat and operate 11 voice-grade satellite circuits between the Yacolt, Washington earth station and an appropriate INTELSAT satellite over the Pacific Ocean, connecting with similar circuits between the satellite and an earth station in Papua New Guinea furnished by MCI's correspondent in Papua New Guinea;
- b. own and operate 11 voice-grade circuits in the Yacolt earth station to be used in conjunction with the satellite space segment capacity;
- c. own and operate 11 voice-grade connecting circuits between the Yacolt earth station and MCI's Dominguez Hills, California operating center; and
- d. use facilities in a, b and c above to provide MCI's regularly authorized services between the U.S. and Papua New Guinea.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that our authorization of MCI to provide private lines as part of its authorized services is limited to the provision of such private lines only between the United States and Papua New Guinea -- that is, private lines which originate in the United States and terminate in Papua New Guinea or which originate in Papua New Guinea and terminate in the United States. In addition, MCI may not -- and MCI's tariff must state that MCI's customers may not -- connect private lines provided over these facilities to the public switched network at either the U.S. or Papua New Guinea end, or both, for the provision of international basic telecommunications ser-

vices, including switched voice services, unless authorized to do so by the Commission upon a finding that Papua New Guinea affords resale opportunities equivalent to those available under U.S. law, in accordance with *Regulation of International Accounting Rates, Phase II, First Report and Order*, 7 FCC Rcd 559 (1991) *petitions for reconsideration pending*.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that neither MCI nor any persons or companies directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by MCI, or under direct or indirect common control with it, shall acquire or enjoy any right, for the purposes of handling or interchanging traffic to or from the United States, its territories or possessions, which is denied to any other United States carrier by reason of any concession, contract, understanding, or working arrangement to which MCI or any persons or companies controlling or controlled by MCI are parties.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant shall file copies of any operating agreement it enters into with its foreign correspondent with the Commission within 30 days of its execution, and shall otherwise comply with the filing requirements contained in Section 43.51 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §43.51.

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall file a tariff pursuant to §203 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §203, and Part 61 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Part 61, for the service authorized in this Order.

7. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall file the annual reports of overseas telecommunications traffic required by Section 43.61 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §43.61.

8. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall file semi-annual circuit reports pursuant to Section 63.15(b) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.15(b).

9. The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to reallocate circuits in the satellite system among the various international common carriers and other authorized users as required to ensure nondiscriminatory use of, and equitable access to, the communications satellite system.

10. This order is issued under Section 0.291 of the Commission's Rules and is effective upon adoption. Petitions for reconsideration under Section 1.106 or applications for review under Section 1.115 of the Commission's Rules may be filed within 30 days of the date of public notice of this order (*see* Section 1.4(b)(2)).

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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